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TO : Communications - NOTE FROM PTJ: 17 August 1950
ALL BRANCHES: for
FROM : Operations Implement these portions/which you are responsible.
/s/ J
SUBJECT : Inspection Trip []

The following observations were made during my recent inspection trip to []:

1. Construction on the transmitting and receiving sites is progressing in good shape. Completion is dependent upon the arrival of materiel. Construction of the new wing has begun. [] urged that materials for this wing be expedited so the construction may be completed before the rainy season sets in at the end of the year. The construction is excellent and except for minor points it appears that this could well become a model for CIA radio bases. 25X1A

2. [] stressed the need for additional [] funds. Many items are being charged to construction when actually they should be charged to operating funds. Operating expenses for [] are expected to almost double in the near future due to movements of personnel, high fuel costs, etc. It will require approximately \$10,000 a month to maintain the installations and meet all expenses. 25X1A

3. It was noted that only 10,000 gallon fuel oil tanks were installed at each location. It is suggested that at least 6 months supply should be maintained for minor emergencies such as strikes, delayed tankers, and rationing, and for a major emergency such as the outbreak of hostilities. The addition of a 40,000 gallon tank at the receiver site and a 60,000 gallon tank at the transmitter site would provide approximately a 6 month reserve. [] is procuring estimates on the relative costs of obtaining several metal tanks as compared to constructing large concrete tanks. 25X1A

4. It was also recommended that a fairly good size incinerator be constructed at the receiver site for the burning of classified trash. [] is procuring estimates for the construction. 25X1A

5. It is recommended that another building be constructed to be used as a garage for the storage and repair of vehicles. This garage should provide storage for a couple thousand gallons of gasoline since the supply is undependable.

6. It is recommended that a generous supply of large, mobile, carbon Dioxide type fire extinguishers be provided for all buildings and particularly for the large warehouse since the water supply may be limited and unreliable during emergency conditions.

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7. It is obvious that a pipe line for the transportation of water from the mountains is absolutely essential. The transporting of water by truck is an awkward and unsatisfactory process.

8. The Supply Officer requests notice on the shipment of material and, if it resulted from a requisition in Washington, would like information as to the purpose for which the equipment is intended.

9. It was evident that some of the equipment was improperly packed. Equipment was broken, rusted, and corroded. For example, braces were not placed against the strongest points of the equipment thereby placing stresses and strains where they could not be absorbed. It is suggested that a drying agent be included in the packing of all mechanical equipment which is sent overseas so that if by chance moisture does enter the carton, it will not ruin the machine.

10. The code room will have excellent physical security when completed.

11. The establishment of a commissary for all U.S. Government employees [redacted] representative, supports this contention and will do whatever is possible to assist in obtaining permission [redacted] to establish a U. S. Commissary. It is urged that we exercise every possible effort to obtain permission from the Department to negotiate for this commissary privilege.

12. [redacted] and since the receiver site where most of the people would work is approximately 6 miles from town, there is a requirement for a large amount of personnel transportation service. There will be a requirement for transporting 50 to 60 people to and from the receiver site for the day shift which will require a couple of good size buses. There is a possibility of renting local bus service for this purpose which would have definite advantages over supplying large buses from the States. There will also be a requirement for additional vehicles to supply transportation for individuals among the two sites and town. Furthermore, the present vehicles are badly worn and should be replaced.

13. Although it is realized that it is preferable to have single men for rotation among the net stations, [redacted] is an ideal spot for married men.

14. Additional radio operators will be required to staff the network. All tributary stations are now single man posts and the base station will not have sufficient personnel to man the two new sites. At least 10 additional bodies should be sent to [redacted] in the immediate future.

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NOTES ON ROUTING SHEET: Eng now taking action on:

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On Item 4, it was my understanding that construction would be started without referring the matter- ~~xxx~~ REG advise [redacted] to proceed in your

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